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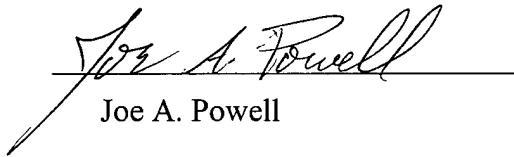
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<u>U. S. Patents</u>			
	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
1.	4010147	Rose	03-1977
2.	4113699	Rose et al	09-1978
3.	4320224	Rose et al	03-1982
4.	5061427	Hirzel	10-1991
5.	5840415	Hirzel	11-1998
6.	6015518	Hirzel	01-2000

	<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Foreign Patents</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
1.	CH WO95/11744		Hirzel	04-05-95

Non-Patent Literature

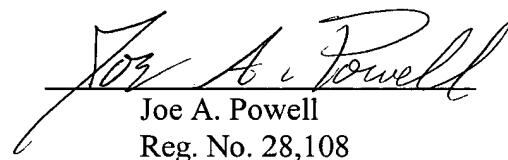
1. Dr. Ewen Campbell; New Materials and Manufacturing Technologies for Automotive Trim; March 16, 1999; A Seminar Presentation for Plastics in Automotive Engineering. See bottom of Page 5 and top of Page 6 for motivation to use porous tooling.
2. S. Hopkins; Porous Aluminum Mold Materials: New Technology in Thermoform Tool-Making; March 5-8, 2001; SAE 2001 World Congress. Discusses porous tooling and its advantages.
3. Mikell Knights; Porous Molds Big Draw; March, 2001; www.PlasticsTechnology.com. Discusses porous tooling and its advantages.
4. International Mold Steel, Inc.; Porous Aluminum Mold Technology; product brochure and data sheets on porous aluminum molds, publication dates believed to be from 1996-1999. This reference discusses the physical properties, and attributes of porous aluminum tooling.

A completed form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are enclosed as well as copies of the above-identified patents and references.

The one foreign reference does not have an English equivalent. The Abstract is in English and the inventor is the same as in 3 of the U.S. patents cited. The PCT search report for this reference is also included.

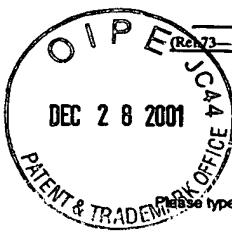
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